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SUBJECT.

Approving of certain arrangements proposed for safe guarding the Valuables of the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Srirangapatam.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES	LATER REFERENCES

M.M.D. 5-95

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE NOTE.

Subject

Proposal to employ armed Police men to guard the Sri Ramanathaswamin temple at Srirangapatam.

LAST REFERENCE.—

Letter No. 443 dated 10th December 1895 from the Dy Commissioner Mysore Dt.

Mr C. D. Ramaswamaiyya, Asst Superintt of Police, French Rocks in a memo submitted herein to the Dy Commr, states that in accordance with the latter's order to, two Taluk Police Constables, have been deputed for guard duty in the Srirangapatam temple, but owing to the paucity of constables in the Taluk, he suggests that competent armed Police men may be appointed instead, the cost, viz, Rs 50 being contributed by the Muzrai

The Dy Commr requests of Govt to the

He states that at present there are 5 Sepoys & one Havildar who are paid Rs 31 monthly. For the proposed Police Guard consisting of 7 Constables & one First class [illegible], the cost will be 50 Rs per mensem or an increase of Rs 19 which, the D/ Commr suggests, may be paid out of the Savings [illegible]

Submitted
4/ 19.12-00

Note continued.

The above communication, recommending the employment of armed Police to guard the temple, had been signed by Mr. C D Ramaswamiah as "for Deputy Commissioner, French Rocks Circle, Mysore District" while the memo ~~whereby~~ ~~forwarding~~ which the said communication was had also been signed by the same his designation of "Assistant Police. The Deputy

Letter no 3025
dated 18-2-05
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Commissioner was therefore written to enquiring if the recommendations had received his predecessor's personal consideration the Deputy Commissioner was also asked to report if there was actually any permanent saving in the monthly Nadik of the Sri Ranganathaswamy temple to meet the extra charge of the said Rs 19 owed for employing armed Police and whether it might not be sufficient to employ 2 "Melpalies in addition to the existing guard, as had been done in the cases of the temples at Melkote. The difficulty of disposing of the present guard and of re-imbursing them for the loss of their appointment in case the above recommendations were approved was also pointed out and the Deputy Commissioner was requested to report if these men could not be trained in the use of firearms.

With reference to these suggestions, the Assistant Commissioner Mr H Srinivasa Rao says that the existing temple may be drilled and taught the use

x in his Docket no 644, Dt 8th April 1905 Flag W

free arms by Seringapatam Police Drill Sergeant, and then these together with the "Melpalies" as suggested above may be employed with advantage to guard the temple He proposes that as in the cases of the temples at Melkote 4 (instead of 2) torch bearers on the Seringapatam temple Establishment may be employed to do the duties of "Melpalies" with an additional allowance of Rs 2/- for the extra work, and that this extra cost of Rs 8/- may be met from the sum of Rs 166/- set apart in the Dasdik Patti for the periodical repairs of the temple In ~~forded~~ these views, the Deputy Commissioner expresses concurrence x

x His no 352 dy 13th April 1905

Submitted for orders

KS
26/4/05

Murgan Secretary's remarks:—

In my humble opinion, the proposals above referred to are suitable. The 6 guarding men now do duty as Sepoys will useful if they are

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trained in the use of fire arms
Several of the temple servants now sleep
within the temple by turns and this
system will be continued. The last-
burglary in October 1902 was attempted
from the roof of the temple by cutting
the iron bars of the windows.
The appointment of Melpalies (Sec E
Dos 1631) who go round on the roof
at night and ring a bell at stated
intervals, will be an effective check
on any attempts at burglary.

The proposals may, it is
submitted be approved, the small
additional cost involved viz, Rs 8
per mensem being met from the savings
pointed out above.

The Inspector General of Police
may be requested to kindly arrange
for the training of the Lepoys

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Of the temple in the use of
fire arms

Submitted to the Dewan thro' the II Councillor } T Ananta Sama Rao
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Of the Sepoys are kept
under strict discipline
they would be no
necessity for the
entertainment of
additional men or
grant of additional
allowance to Malpatis.
If the Sepoys are in-
competent then arms
are to be dispensed with
men employed
may be trained
in
unarmed force
1/5/05

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Have no
objection
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Put up draft
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Issue the draft put up
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1904-5

From

M. Kanthareja Urs Esq
Deputy Commissioner
French Rocks Circle
Mysore Dist.

To

L. Ananthaswami Rao Esq
Secretary to the Govt, Hum. Depart.
Bangalore

Dated 10th
Despatched 11th } December 1904
Received

General No 4443.
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Enclosure No. one.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of the memo of the Asst. Superintendent of Police, French Rocks circle suggesting the employment of the armed Police men for guarding the jewels of the Seringapatam Sri Ranganathaswami temple and to state I quite agree with the Assistant Superintendent about it.

At present for 5 Sepoys and Howaldar Rs 31/- is paid monthly, at.

for each of the former and Rs 6/- for each of the latter for a Police guard consisting of 7 Constables 6 at Rs 7/- per mensem and one at Rs 8/- who will be in charge of the guard and also will do the guarding work when any one of them becomes sick or is absent on leave the cost will be Rs 50/- per mensem. This will increase the cost by Rs 19/- which may be paid out of the savings of the temple, I therefore request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Govt if you also agree with ~~me~~ me

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
C. D. Ramasawmy
for Dy. Commissioner
French Rocks circle
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In accordance with the orders of the Deputy Commissioner, two constables are deputed to watch the temple in Seringapatam I find inconvenient to do so on account of paucity of constables in the Taluk. If the Deputy Commissioner is pleased to agree with me, I would take the responsibility of getting the temple jewels guarded with Competent Armed Policemen on condition of the Mysore Department Contributing their pay which comes to Rs 50/- per mensem and the services of the present Sepoys may be done away with.

C. First class constable 1 @ Rs 8/- = 8-00
2 class constables 2 @ Rs 7/ each Rs 14-00

Submitted for orders of the Deputy Commissioner.

(Signed) C. D Ramaswamiah
Asst: Supdt of Police
Frenchrocks

Copy
(Sd) C. D Ramaswamiah
For Dy Comm^r, Frenchrocks

Government of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore.

No. 3025 dt 18.2.05

Encl.

Mazra Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore, 14th February 1905.

From.

L. Anantasami Rao, Esquire., B. A.,

Secretary to the Government of H.H.the Maharaja

of Mysore, Mazra Department.

To.

The Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith in original (to be returned) letter No. 442 dated 10th December 1904 together with its enclosure received from the Mysore District, suggesting the employment of armed Police constables to guard the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Seringapatam and to point out that the letter has been signed by Mr. C. D. Ramaswamiah as " For Deputy Commissioner, French Rocks Circle, Mysore District," while his own Memo without date which is an enclosure to the letter under reply, is signed by him as Assistant Superintendent of Police, French Rocks. It is not clear under these circumstances whether the question was carefully considered by your predecessor from all points of view.

2. The proposal involves an additional cost of Rs.

per mensem and it is simply suggested that this may be met from the savings of the temple. Whether there are actually permanent savings to that extent out of the "Nadi Kattu Kod" and if not how the additional cost may be permanently provided for in the Kasadi Patti are not very clear from the letter under reply. These points may be clearly explained and a detailed report submitted together with your own opinion as to whether instead of armed Policemen it would not be sufficient if two "Kelpalies" were employed in addition to the existing guard as has been done in the case of the Narayana Swami and Narasimha Swami temples at Kalahasti. It may also be considered whether the men now employed as "Guard" in the temple may not be trained in the use of fire arms, and if not how they should be disposed of and reimbursed for the loss of their emoluments in case they should be replaced by police Constables.

3. I am to request that a full report may be kindly sent up to Government at an early date.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Fair Draft).

Secretary.

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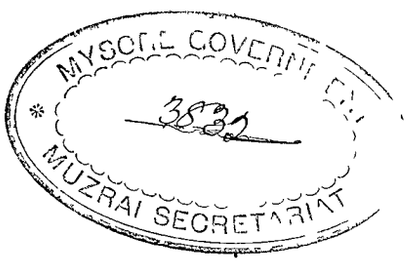

FROM

H. H Sparkes Esq
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

To L. Anantasammi Rao Esq BA.
Secy: to the Govt of H.H.
The Maharaja of Mysore
Dated Mysore Muzrai Dept. Bangalore
Despatched 13th April 05

Received

General No. 352
No.

Enclosure No. 3

Submits further report in the matter of employing armed Police Constables to guard the Sri Ranganatha Swamis temple at Seringapatam.

No 352/Gr 3

Deputy Commissioner's office
Mysore District
Mysore Department
Dated Mysore 13th April 1905

To

L. Anantasami Rao Esqr: B.A
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore, Mysore (at present)
Bangalore

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 3025 of the 14/18th February 1905 calling for further report in the matter of employing extra Police constables to guard the Sri Ranganathaswami's temple at Srirangapatna, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of docket No. 644 dated the 9th April 1905 received from the Assistant Commissioner, French Rocks Division and to state that I approve of the suggestions made therein by Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao.

2 The enclosures received with your letter under reply are herewith returned

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant-

Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

1904-05

FROM
K. Sreenivasa Rao Esqr.
Asst. Coroner
French Rocks.

To
H. H. Sparke Esqr.
Deputy to the Asst.

Dated 8th April 1905
Despatched 9/4
Received
General No. 644
No.

Enclosure No. 3

His Memo. No 2968 10th March last requesting to report in re- the employment of armed Police men for guarding the jewels of the Seringapatam Sri-Ranganatha Swami temple.

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With reference to the above, I have the honor to report that the present temple guard may with advantage be drilled and taught to use fire arms by the Seringapatam Police drill Mal Pâlees may appointed as proposed

Secretary. In Melkote Sri Narayanaswamy's temple torch bearers perform these duties and are given an allowance of 2 Rs a month in addition to their pay as torch bearers. Four such men are employed in Melkote.

In Sri Ranganatha Swamy's temple in Seringapatam, there are four torch bearers and these four men may be given additional remuneration of 2 Rs each for doing Mélpalée's work. This additional cost of Rs 8/- per mensem may be met out of the allotment of Rs 166/- set apart in the Jasdik Patti for repairs to the temple. This allotment lapses every year as no repairs are done to the temple. There are no savings [illegible] to effect any from any other head of charges to meet this additional expenditure.

The enclosures to the memo under reply are herewith returned.

"copy" (Sd) K. Srinivasa Rao.
Assistant Commissioner
Kaveri District French Rocks.

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15/12/04

Submitted for orders with a short office note

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From Dr. Thanthareja Urs Esqr.
Deputy Commissioner
Y- Trunch Rocks circle

To The Hon'ble
L. Ananthaiswamy Roo Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
Muzrai Department
Bangalore-

Dated 10th } December 1904
Despatched 11th }

Received

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No.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

C R Cameron
For D. Pudey, Commissioner
Ry — French Rocks Circle
Mysore Dist.

In accordance with the orders of the Deputy Commissioner, two Constables are deputed to watch the temple in Seringapatam. I find inconvenient to do so on account of paucity of constables in the Taluk. If the Deputy Commissioner is pleased to agree with me, I would take the responsibility of getting the temple jewels guarded with competent Armed Police men on condition of the Mysore Department contributing their pay which comes to Rs 50/- per mensem and the services of the present deputy may be done away with.

1 first class Constable at Rs 8/- - - 8-0-0
2 2nd class Constables at Rs 7/ each - - 42-0-0
Total Rs 50-0-0

Submitted for orders of the Deputy Commissioner.

(Signed) C D Ramaswamy
Asst. Supdt
French

Copy
C D Ramaswamy
for Deputy Commissioner
Erde

Mysore

Read:-

Letter No 128, dated 9th October 1904, from the Deputy Commr., Chyspre District, reporting on the burglary committed in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Seringapatam

(2) Para 3 of Govt Pro: No. 1767-8, dated 9th November 1904, requesting the Deputy Commr. to report what further steps he would suggest for the future safe-guarding of the temple valuables. Mysg. 7 15-95

and (3) Letter No 352, dated 12th April 1905, from the same Officer, making proposals in the matter as called for in the above.

Order thereon:-

Rs 5
Here are now 5 sepoys and one Havildar on Rs 6 pay. mensem who are employed to guard the in

Swami temple at Srirangapatnam.
The Deputy Commissioner states
that these men would prove
really useful if they are trained
in the use of fire-arms; ~~and~~
~~accordingly requested that the~~
~~Police Drill Sergeant may~~
The Govt concur in this opinion
and they are accordingly pleased
~~expressed by the Dy Commr: and~~
to
they request ~~that~~ the I. G of Police
to
~~will~~ be so good as to issue necessary
instructions to the Superintendent
of Police, French Rocks Dn., to
depute the Police Drill Sergeant
at Srirangapatnam to train
the temple sepoys in the use of
~~the~~ fire arms for a period sufficient
the sepoys to
for acquire skill in the use of them

2. The Dy Commr also recommends
that the four torch bearers who
already on the temple Establishment
in addition to their duties
on an addl allce of Rs 2/- each per mensem,
~~invited~~ to do the

"Melpadi" work, which consists of going round the roof of the temple at night to and ringing bell at stated intervals to keep off thieves. This suggestion however does not meet with the approval of Govt, for, if the Sepoys are kept under strict discipline, there would be no necessity for the entertainment of additional men or grant of additional allowance to Melpadies If however the Sepoys are found incompetent, their services are ~~to be~~ should be dispensed with and better men employed in their stead.

3 The arrangement reported to have been newly made for making several of the temple servants to sleep by turns near the Garbhagudi of the temple will continue.

Dewan's order

16/5/1

The J. G. of Police in Mysore
& Deputy Commr, Mysore Dt.